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Laymen's Schools

The Laymen's Fellowship Commission of the Northern California Conference is now able to announce plans for four schools of churchmanship, each to last just one evening. For two years schools were held in Berkeley and one year in Sacramento, which were attended by a large number of men, particularly from the Bay Area.

This year, in order to avoid competing with church services on Sunday and to reach a larger number, it was decided to carry the school of churchmanship to four different points: Santa Rosa, Lodi, Fresno, and Palo Alto.

The plan for each gatherin- will be as follows: Dinner at 6:30, price 50c per plate (perhaps in one or two places five or ten cents more); immediately following the dinner an inspirational address by Mr. Claude Eckart of Seattle, member of the national Laymen's Fellowship. Mr. Eckart comes with the high recommendation of Donald Adams. Immediately following this address the group will divide. All of the men who are trustees and treasurers will go into one group, where Mr. Eckart will lead the discussion on the best methods for operating the business affairs of the church. The other group, consisting of deacons, will be under the leadership of Mr. J. W. Thomas, attorney in San Francisco, and who has himself been a deacon of the First Congregational Church of Berkeley. These speakers will be assisted by Supt. Harley H. Gill and in some instances by Mr. George B. Martin, chairman of the Laymen's Commission, and also by Commission members in the localities where the meetings are held.

The schedule will be as follows:

Monday, March 16—Santa Rosa, for all the churches of Sonoma and Marin Counties.

Tuesday, March 17—Lodi, for all the churches of the central area.

Wednesday, March 18—Fresno, for the churches of Fresno and Tulare Counties.

Thursday, March 19—Palo Alto, for churches of the West Bay and the Santa Clara Association.

Churches are asked to see to it that all their deacons and all of their trustees and treasurers are in attendance, with this one proviso: these meetings being sponsored by the Laymen's Commission are for men only.

NOTE: Since writing the above word has come of Mr. Eckart's illness. Changes of plans will be announced.

PLYMOUTH HOUSE PLANS

The Annual Advance was held at the Youth Hostel in Redwood Canyon on January 17 and 18. Twenty-eight Plymouthites attended this week-end meeting to study the work of our House with students and to lay plans for the semester which is just opening. It is planned to make additional efforts to advance the work of the Social Action Committee which was so successfully carried out. An effort will be made to increase the number of our noon discussions and to vary the program. At present there is only one meeting which is Mr. Reighard's book review on Mondays. Plans were laid for the new and varied Recreational Program on Wednesday nights to be held in the Gymnasium of Pilgrim Hall. The worship services were reviewed and means were set up for developing more adequate leadership. The Sunday Morning Chapel Service at the Advance was a high moment of spiritual experience.

SIX YEARS OF GAIN IN A ROW

A gain, and a real one! Steadily through the years 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940 and 1941 the churches of northern California have gained in their budgeted benevolence giving, but 1941 was easily the banner year in the amount of the advance.

The figures herewith presented include only the moneys that were remitted to the Conference office, and do not include those sent by churches and individuals to the offices of the national Boards.

This Conference has always observed designations, and has never followed any method of equalization. Undesignated money is divided as follows: for foreign missions, 22 per cent; for home missions, 21 per cent; for the Council for Social Action, 3 per cent; for the Northern California Congregational Conference, including state ministerial relief, 54 per cent. Added to the amounts arising from these percentages are the designations to particular Boards in accordance with instructions of the donors.

The total distribution of money coming through the Conference treasury for 1941 is as follows:

For the Board of Home Missions, including the Council for Social Action, (This is a gain over 1940 of $411.68.)	$7,922.65
For the American Board (Foreign Missions) (This is a gain over 1940 of $1,181.01. The reason for this disproportionate gain in comparison with the gains of the Home Board and the Conference is the very large designation for one year on the part of one of our most faithful and leading laymen.)	$8,973.45
For our State Conference and State Home Missions, including Ministerial Relief (This is a gain over 1940 of $352.24.)	20,042.69
Total for State, National, and Foreign (This is a gain over 1940 of $1,944.93, or 5.55 per cent.)	$36,938.79

During the course of the year, as above indicated, a number of individuals and churches send some gifts directly to the American Board and the Board of Home Missions. These do not appear in the above figures, which are for the funds going through the Conference Treasury, but at the Mid-winter Meeting a preliminary report was made of the grand total. It appears that $1,782 additional was sent by northern California people direct to national treasuries, bringing the grand total up to $38,721, a gain over the corresponding figure of the previous year of $2,118, or 5.8 per cent. A substantial proportion of the amounts sent to the national treasuries comes from our German churches.

For the Congregational churches of the entire country there was a gain of nearly $35,000, or 2.65 per cent. We are proud of the fact that northern California people more than doubled the percentage of increase which was gained throughout the country. Every year but two since the depression, northern California Congregational churches have had a better record than the national average. Our losses have been less than the national losses and our gains have been greater. We are grateful to our churches and supporters for their loyalty and interest.

The figures herewith presented do not include any of the giving for war relief or war services. At the Evanston meetings there was a strong note of determination that in all of the extra demands that are upon us the fundamental work of the church must not be slighted or weakened.

THE EVANSTON MEETINGS

Five Northern California representatives were present at the Midwinter Meetings at Evanston: Mrs. Scott Haymond, president of the Federation of Congregational Women; Dr. C. A. Kofoid, member of the Prudential Committee of the American Board, and Mrs. Kofoid; Rev. S. C. Peabody, proxy for Prof. J. C. Bennett on the Council for Social Action; and Superintendent Gill.

There were many Board and group meetings, lasting a total of nine days. These included the Superintendents' Conference, Conference of Women State Presidents, Joint Staff, Joint Cabinet, Ad Interim Committee of the Missions Council, the Missions Council itself, Prudential Committee of the American Board, Directors of the Board of Home Missions, Council for Social Action, Survey Committee, and the Advisory Committee of the General Council, and many subcommittees and special groups.

Not many changes were made in the structure of the denomination, the chief one being the reduction in the number of persons making up the Ad Interim Committee of the Missions Council and the making of that Committee an actual executive committee, with responsibility for promotion between the meetings of the Council itself.

Rev. Albert D. Stauffacher, for many years pastor of our Claremont church and now of Lansing, Michigan, was unanimously elected minister of the Missions Council with the responsibilities of the office of executive secretary. Dr. Stauffacher is well equipped. He has had a long and successful career as pastor. His churches have had a consistent record of increasing benevolence giving. He knows the internal workings of the state conference, and he has been chairman of the Missions Council for the past year or two so knows the problems and personnel of that body, and of the staff members with whom he is to work. The denomination is deeply indebted to Mrs. Wm. H. Medlicott who, though never holding the rank of executive secretary, has really carried the duties since the resignation of Rev. Leonard Outerbridge two years ago.

Plans for 1942 include a continuation of the "plus gift" effort of the women, a more thorough cultivation of the Every-Member Canvass, and above all a determination that the church shall maintain its regular functions, than which nothing is more important for this age of confusion and war.

Pastors Meet at P.S.R.

Seldom, if ever, has the Pacific School of Religion and the Earl Lectureship Committee provided more notable speakers and themes of greater interest than are planned for the Pastoral Conference, to be held Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, February 17, 18, and 19.

The E. T. Earl Lectures will be given by Dr. Robert L. Calhoun, brilliant young theologian from Yale Divinity School, his general theme being "Divine Law in Human Affairs." Dr. Howard Chandler Robbins of General Theological Seminary, New York, and Dr. H. Shelton Smith of Duke University will be special lecturers on the Earl Foundation, the former using as his theme "Preaching as Group Therapy," and the latter "Faith and Nurture in Contemporary Protestant Thought."

There will be special interest seminars, one on the "Rural Church," led by Dr. Mark A. Dawber of the Home Mission Council; one on "Religious Workers on the Campus," under the leadership of our own Dr. Harry T. Stock and Prof E. E. Aubrey of the University of Chicago, and a third on "Worship, with Rev. Deane Edwards of the Federal Council and Dr. Robert G. McCutchan, formerly of De Pauw University. There will be a fourth group on "Counselling for Home and Marriage," led by Rev. and Mrs. Elmer Fridell of the Baptist Divinity School.

Faculty members will also conduct seminars as follows: Professor Bennett, "Christian Resources for a New World Order" Professor-Emeritus Buckham, "The Christian Dialectic"; Professor Kennedy, "The Sermon as Drama"; Professor McCown, "The Minister and Archaeology"; Professor Muilenburg, "Second Isaiah in His World and Ours"; and Professor Williams, "The Church and the New Paganisms in Europe."

Congregational pastors will have luncheon together Wednesday noon at the University Christian Church.

Congregational pastors should write the Pacific School of Religion in advance if overnight hospitality is desired.

GENERAL COUNCIL

The General Council will be held on the campus of the University of New Hampshire, at Durham, next June. The exact date will be announced in the next issue of The Pacific. It will be either June 11-18 or June 22-29. The University of New Hampshire has splendid facilities not only for public meetings of all sorts but also by way of dormitories, which can be allocated to women or men or married couples. The village of Durham lies on the main line railroad between Boston and Portland, Maine.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 17-19—Pastoral Conference, Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley.

March 16-20—Laymen's Schools of Churchmanship.

April 5—Easter Sunday.

June—General Council of Congregational-Christian Churches, Durham, N. H.

July 25-August 1—Zephyr Point Young People's Conference.

October 16-18—State Conference. Grace United Church, San Francisco.

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The Story of 1941

The increase of $2,000 from the churches which was noted in the early months of the year was just maintained up to and including the closing of the books on January 12. In another column in The Pacific are noted the figures and percentages of gain in comparison with previous years, but following is the detailed statement of just how this gain was brought about.

It will be remembered that something over a year ago the Conference Board suggested goals to the churches for increased giving. Not a few of the churches accepted those goals, and some others revised them in the light of local conditions. Earnest effort was made by many churches to reach those goals, and success crowned the efforts in many cases. Churches marked with an * reached or exceeded the goal suggested by the Conference. Churches marked with a † reached or exceeded the goal set by themselves.

As is well understood, Thank Offering gifts are not credited to the churches on regular benevolences, but are included in the last item. However, in another column due credit is given.

Church	1941	1940
Adin	$ 46.56	$ 60.25
Alameda	754.90	774.74
Alturas	30.13	10.58
*Angels Camp	152.00	136.25
*Antioch	70.22	46.16
*Auburn	117.50	77.50
*Benicia	50.00	15.00
*Berkeley, Chinese	50.00	30.00
† First	5,194.52	4,978.16
North	707.57	768.55
* Park	81.08	81.50
Callahan	5.13	.....
Campbell	310.00	300.00
†Cedarville	100.00	100.00
Cloverdale	82.45	95.16
*Cotati	74.11	63.14
Crockett	101.95	112.50
Etna	6.85	.....
*Eureka	405.00	415.55
Fairfax	50.00	33.00
*Ferndale	405.62	318.75
Fowler	20.00	.....
†Fresno, First	1,275.00	1,066.54
* Japanese	35.00	15.00
Pilgrim	231.92	225.10
Zion	50.00	50.00
*Glen Ellen	20.00	15.00
Grass Valley	25.00	15.00
*Guerneville	16.00	9.50
Hayfork	5.00	13.50
*Hayward	238.00	200.00
Kenwood	23.00	20.30
Lewiston	.....	4.18
Lodi, First	1,282.89	1,245.79
*Loomis	82.80	68.62
*Martinez	431.25	325.00
*Murphys	81.00	77.50
*Niles	60.00	36.86
*Oakland, Bethany	50.00	40.00
† First	5,065.00	5,070.00
* Fruitvale	56.28	61.50
* Japanese	15.00	15.00
Pilgrim	52.41	42.27
* Plymouth	1,025.63	832.11
*Oroville	100.00	76.29
Pacific Grove	252.64	257.57
Palo Alto	1,750.00	2,014.00
Paradise	204.00	250.00
Parlier	10.00	.....
*Penngrove	51.32	30.14
Pescadero	2.50	.....
Petaluma	758.97	724.95
Pittsburg	189.61	178.18
*Port Chicago	18.50	2.61
*Porterville	360.00	305.00
Redwood City	963.02	871.79
Reedley	5.00	.....
Rio Vista	150.00	150.00
Ripon	206.00	207.68
Sacramento	993.88	831.28
*Salida	65.00	15.40
San Carlos	100.00	94.96
San Francisco—		
* Bethany Mission Park	372.39	338.83
Calvary	.....	25.00
Chinese	25.00	31.00
* First	2,114.25	2,192.15
*Ocean View	63.65	60.00
*Richmond	135.00	112.00
San Jose	800.00	810.00
San Leandro	116.02	107.40
*San Lorenzo	20.00	20.00
*San Mateo	900.00	722.64
*San Rafael	60.00	62.23
Santa Cruz	789.00	900.00
Santa Rosa	155.25	189.11
Saratoga	565.82	555.50
Sebastopol	204.78	190.84
Sonoma	115.88	101.19
Soquel	101.72	100.00
Stockton	712.87	657.61
*Suisun	89.10	41.33
Sunnyvale	44.17	32.71
Sunol	25.00	.....
*Tulare	505.00	465.00
*Weaverville	140.00	121.23
*Woodside	86.00	83.00
*Reno, Nevada	529.99	469.34
Miscellaneous (including Thank Offering and Individual Gifts)	3,150.69	2,730.34
Totals	$36,938.79	$34,993.86

Lenten Helps

Lent begins February 18. For that period, so meaningful to Christians the world over, our national offices have prepared much helpful devotional literature. Booklets for personal devotions, leaflets for pastoral distribution, and helps for pastors' classes are all available now.

The "Fellowship of Prayer," now in its 24th year, has been prepared for 1942 by Rev. Gaius Glenn Atkins. A like booklet for youth, "Lenten Devotions for Young People," was written by Rev. Roy L. Minich. Both of these booklets, available in quantity, are priced at 2c per copy. "Thoughts of God for Boys and Girls" has been published again this year at 10c the single copy, and will be ordered on request. Only a limited supply is carried in San Francisco.

A new discussion outline for the Pastors' Class, entitled "Christian Commitment," has been prepared by our own Rev. Fred Morrow in connection with the Seminar on Personal Devotions. Individual lesson titles are: "The Christian Commitment," "The Christian's Book," "The Christian's Worship," "The Purpose We Share with Jesus," "Symbols and Sacraments," and "My Church and The Church." This attractive 16-page pamphlet may be secured at 5c per copy.

In addition there are some fine four-page leaflets which might well be used by pastors or church visitors as they call in homes. Some titles are: "How to Keep Lent," by Allan Knight Chalmers; "Faith in God," by Frederick Meek; "Christian Fellowship," by Henry Leiper; "Life Eternal," by Rev. O. W. S. McCall; "The Communion Service," by Warren Archibald; "Christian Prayer," by A. A. Rouner; "Redemption Through Christ," by Charles S. Jones, and "The Sacrament of Communion," by W. H. Stark. Each of these leaflets is available at 50c per hundred copies.

Rev. Boynton Merrill, who heads up the Committee on Assistance to War Victims and Services, has prepared a booklet of "Prayers in War Time"—24 pages of short prayers, priced at 3c per copy.

If any of the above are needed for distribution in local parishes before Lent begins, orders should be placed at once. Write to Pacific Book Service, 1164 Phelan Building, San Francisco, or to the Commission on Evangelism, 287 Fourth Avenue, New York.

DR. ARTHUR E. HOLT

The Pacific readers, both clergy and laymen, will be deeply pained to learn of the sudden death of Dr. Arthur E. Holt on January 13. Dr. Holt will be remembered by our pastors not only for his notable service as a professor in the Chicago Theological Seminary and for his many books, but also as the instigator of the movement which culminated in the Council for Social Action. He will be remembered by many of our laymen since he was a team member for three of our Laymen's Retreats in the fall of 1940.

REV. GEORGE E. ATKINSON

The last two issues of The Pacific carried articles about the long and remarkable service rendered to our churches by Rev. George E. Atkinson. An appropriate service as a climax to his ministry had been arranged for January 11, and in truth it was such a service for on the morning before very quietly he breathed his last. Supt. Gill, who had planned to attend the service out of honor to Mr. Atkinson, conducted it as his funeral.

George E. Atkinson was born at Sholapur, India, on June 15, 1872. He graduated from Grinnell College, Iowa, in 1895 and from Pacific Theological Seminary in 1898. He was married to Orrill E. Sherer in 1901. He was ordained in 1898 and served pastorates as follows: Tekoa, Washington, 1898 to 1900; Etna Mills, California, 1901 to 1903; Campbell, California, 1903 to 1916; Martinez, 1916 to 1919; Ceres, 1919 to 1929; Sebastopol, 1929 to 1942. During the war he served with the Y. Three children, with his beloved wife, survive him: Calista E. Schuyler of Pacific Grove, Orrill M. Stedman of Sebastopol, and William Bryce Atkinson of Berkeley.

In addition to serving in a most effective manner in his pastorates, he was always identified with the work of our fellowship. He was a lifelong supporter of the Christian Endeavor, he had served as moderator of the Conference, and was member of the state Board during the terms of office of three superintendents.

MRS. LOUISE WATT

Mrs. Louise Watt, wife of Rev. Tom Watt of our South Berkeley church, passed away at her home on January 17, after an illness of more than two years. She was born at Bedford, Ind., December 6, 1872. She is survived by her beloved husband and her children, Mrs. Gertrude Guthrie and Miss Mildred Watt of Oakland, Mrs. C. R. Kinsey of Berkeley, and Charles Watt of Dallas, Texas. Funeral services were conducted by Supt. Harley H. Gill and Rev. Robert Inglis. Mrs. Watt was deeply beloved by her family, by the churches where she labored, and by our fellowship. She was a person of rare charm and sweet sincerity.

PLYMOUTH HOUSE

In the first week of the new semester at the University, Doctor Loper wrote to 494 students inviting them to the Church Services and announcing his sermon topics for the months of January and February. The publicity department at Plymouth House prepared a new booklet describing the facilities of the House and its organizations and this was enclosed with the Church letter. The attendance at the Church Services and at Plymouth meetings on the early Sundays of the semester gave proof that the letter and booklet had been read and had aroused interest enough to stimulate response.

SALIDA. Pilgrim Fellowship of this church had a joint meeting with a like group from Ripon. There was a dinner and program following. The Salida group have been the guests of Ripon at a service and social hour. The annual meeting of the church was well attended. Each class in the Sunday School has a teacher and a substitute. Cross and Crown attendance pins are used. Rev. Jessie Getty Heath is pastor.

SONOMA. At the annual meeting all bills were reported paid, including improvements to the church building amounting to $1300 and the benevolence quota for the year. Rev. E. W. Perry is pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALVARY ARMENIAN. The home prayer meetings which had been discontinued because of the "black-out," have been resumed. Rev. H. K. Khachadourian is the pastor.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. After the church service on January 18, a special dinner was served in the Social Hall, and the annual meeting was convened. Splendid reports were given, including increases in membership, in benevolence giving, and in the number of women's circles—all this in addition to material repairs and improvements. Rev. Robert Inglis is the pastor.

SARATOGA. An enheartening annual meeting is reported by the pastor, Rev. Fred Morrow. Work is going steadily forward on Douglass hall and on the new unit. Two gifts totalling $1000 were recently made toward the Building Fund. One significant evidence of increasing activity in the church was the necessity of a posted schedule of meetings, luncheons, etc., in the building, to avoid confusion and overlapping of meetings.

BERKELEY, FIRST. A class of 22 united with the church early in January. The evening Inter-Church Hour continues to present outstanding speakers, with Dr. Raoul Auernheimer, Dr. Adolf Keller, Dr. Walter Van Kirk, and Mrs. Frank Millican appearing during the month. The Winthrop League of young people is making a collection of tools for migrant children. Rev. Vere V. Loper is pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. Monday evening fellowship dinners have brought large numbers out to hear some very interesting programs. Rev. Clifford Manshardt of India spoke on one occasion and Joseph James, Negro baritone, gave a fine concert on another evening. The Thursday Week-Night Service group has prepared a printed program for the first six months of 1942. Rev. Jason Noble Pierce is the pastor.

EUREKA. A delegation of soldiers, who are acting as guards in the city and vicinity, were special guests at the dinner and annual meeting of the church. Reports indicated that the year 1941 had been a prosperous one, spiritually, socially and financially. Rev. and Mrs Duane Waln, missionaries from Angola, West Africa, were the speakers. Rev. C. H. Hudson is the minister.

HAYWARD. Members of this church cared for the preaching services at Niles for three Sundays during December. Rev. Godfrey Matthews is pastor.

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Faculty Seminars

Professors John C. Bennett, J. W. Buckham, C. C. McCown, Gerald Kennedy, James Muilenburg, and G. H. Williams.

PASTORAL CONFERENCE

February 17, 18, 19, Berkeley, Calif.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

ALAMEDA. Word has just come that Rev. Ralph V. Conard of Pilgrim Church, Seattle, has accepted the unanimous call of this church and will begin work on March first. Mr. Conard has done significant work in a difficult field for the last several years in Seattle, and prior to that was a successful pastor in Fargo, North Dakota. He has been president of the Conference State Board in Washington, and a leader in state young people's work. He is the father of four daughters. Mr. Conard was the guest of the Alameda church for several days in January, and since that time has been all the way to North Dakota for an anniversary in a former parish.

The women of Alameda proved themselves capable hostesses when they entertained the annual meeting of the Women's Federation during January. Rev. James Muilenburg served as guest preacher for three Sundays in the month.

OAKLAND, FIRST. This church was host to the Bay Association on January 9, when people from the churches of the Bay Region came together for the annual meeting and dinner, and to hear Dr. Adolf Keller of Switzerland speak. The church held its annual meeting on Sunday, February 1, after the morning service, gathering for dinner and business meeting. Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, the pastor, reported that 88 people have joined the church during the year, that finances are in a satisfactory condition, and all departments are showing progress.

TULARE. There was a ten per cent increase in church attendance in 1941 over the previous year. The successful financial canvass brought the pledged income to a new high mark. The 1941 benevolence budget was met in full and an increased goal for 1942 was adopted. The women's group has had large attendances, and their project for the year was the modernizing of the parsonage kitchen. The church is very proud of the fine group of young people who very capably conducted the entire service on a recent Sunday. Rev. Arthur L. Rice is pastor.

CROCKETT. Rev. Rudolph Caughey, the pastor, reports that enlisted men stationed nearby are finding their way to the church services, and more and more folks are taking them home for Sunday dinner. Many of these men are from Boston and some are Congregationalists. The annual business meeting of the church revealed a very satisfactory condition, with additions to the membership, increased enrolment in the Sunday School, and benevolent gifts to many causes.

OAKLAND, PILGRIM. January attendance increased progressively as the congregation returned to the church sanctuary for worship. They have been meeting in the Woman's Club Hall while the church building was removed to its new foundation. The annual meeting was held on a recent Sunday, preceded by an indoor picnic. The pastor, Rev. Harvey V. Miller, reports that all during these moving days the spirit has been fine, with much volunteer work done on the project.

PORT CHICAGO. Mr. Sherwood Wirt, pastor, reports that, while the new social hall needs a few finishing touches, it was opened for use at the annual meeting. The members are delighted with the possibilities of an enlarged program. Eighty young people and their advisers were comfortably seated in the new annex one Sunday, having come from all over the Upper Bay District to hear Dr. Harry T. Stock. The dedication of the new hall will be held in a few weeks.

FRESNO, FIRST. Annual meeting reports indicated a good financial condition, with cash balances in all treasuries. The 1942 budget, including the suggested benevolence goal, has already been underwritten. Two groups of young people, totalling 74, participated in the church service on Pilgrim Fellowship Sunday. The Sunday evening forum has recently presented Dr. Arthur C. McGiffert and Dr. Tully C. Knoles as guest speakers The choir and the pastor, Rev. John H. Gregg, are to share in a six-day National Christian Mission early in February. Stimulated by the visit of Rev. Vere V. Loper on behalf of the Committee on Assistance to War Victims and Services, the Social Action Committee of the church is to sponsor an entire service for enlistment in a Year of Sacrificial Giving.

SAN MATEO A series of "fireside chats" for the men of the church have been instituted, to begin in February. The men will gather in a home, and after an address and a discussion period there will be refreshments and sociability. Local ministers are volunteering their services to the army men stationed at Bay Meadows. Two rooms in the church have been "blacked out" so that regular activities may continue. Six young people attended the Pilgrim Fellowship Midwinter Conference in Berkeley, reporting a good time. Rev. Sidney H. Buckham is the pastor.

LODI, FIRST. At the sixty-ninth annual meeting, the church was reported free of debt. The pastor highlighted the activities of youth, the largest proportion of new members received during the year being young people. The pastor, Rev. A. R. Boone, has been chaplain of the Rotary Club and president of the Ministerial Association. On a recent Sunday morning an offering for the Red Cross brought $50. Over twenty persons attended the Sunday School institutes in Stockton under the leadership of Dr. Harry T. Stock.

SOQUEL. A vested junior choir of thirty voices has been organized to sing at the morning service. The Committee on Religious Education under the direction of the pastor, Rev. T. Davis Preston, is working out a curriculum of visual education for the church school and the young people's evening group. Forty people of the community are enrolled in a Red Cross first-aid class sponsored by the church.

SANTA ROSA. At the annual meeting the church voted unanimously to call as pastor Mr. Gordon Foster, who will graduate from Pacific School of Religion in May. Mr. Foster assisted Rev. Wilfred Withington during the illness of the latter last summer. Since he will be unable to take up his duties before May, Rev. Benjamin Gould, who has been serving as ad interim minister, will continue. The church year closed without debt.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. The best-attended annual meeting in many years heard encouraging reports from all departments. Double purpose drapes (beauty and black-out) have been hung in the sanctuary. One evening service during the month was conducted by the Adult Class, and another by the young people. Mr. Eugene Sill is the pastor.

PORTERVILLE. The Lenten program approved by the Church Cabinet is to include Sunday evening book reviews and Wednesday night suppers, followed by Bible talks. Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith is pastor.

WEAVERVILLE. The pastor, Rev. P. N. Bennett, reports that the annual meeting was well attended, that the benevolence apportionment was paid in full, the Sunday School has had an encouraging gain, and the Ladies' Aid an unusually fine year. The gross receipts of the Ladies' Aid for the year were well over $800, and this without solicitation of any kind. They served luncheons to Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce, and other organizations, and at their meetings had "March of Dimes", Thank Offering, and birthday offerings. New hymnals have been ordered for the church. At Hayfork officers have been chosen for the coming year and plans have been discussed to create interest in the work.

PENNGROVE and COTATI. The year just closed was successful. At Penngrove the parsonage was relined with celotex, making it warmer and more livable. New lights were installed in the church and two coats of paint have been applied. One aisle was carpeted; new doors were installed, and the whole is paid for. In an every-member canvass under the leadership of Field Secretary Sherman, a budget of $800 was over-subscribed. At Cotati the apartment was made over and has been rented. The church floor was varnished. The Sunday School is on the upward swing. Rev. James D. Salmon is pastor.

OROVILLE. Nine persons were received at the February communion, seven on confession. The women of the Pilgrim Guild are doing Red Cross knitting and sewing, and 35 persons have enrolled in first aid classes which meet in the church. Mrs. C. C. Champlin heads up the Pilgrim Guild, which has five "units," the goal being ten units of twenty persons each. The Pilgrim Fellowship sings once a month at the County Hospital. The church is meeting the new budget of a 60 per cent increase, and congregations are on the "up-swing."

BERKELEY, KENSINGTON. The Vesper Hour has been changed from 5 to 4 o'clock, and a house-to-house visitation is being carried on throughout the neighborhood, inviting people to attend. The church school is doing well under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Dimock. The senior class took charge of the worship service one Sunday, and other classes will do so in the near future. A piano has been purchased which is much more satisfactory than the old one.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. Rev. Norman Pendleton was guest speaker at a Sunday evening vesper service in January. Mr. Alfred Focht of Pacific School of Religion, who is part-time assistant at the church, spoke at another vesper service during the month. Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, the pastor, is preaching a series of sermons under the general title, "Can Religion Help Us Now?"

SACRAMENTO, PIONEER. This church was host to a three-day institute on religious education, led by Rev. Harry T. Stock of Boston. A School of Missions was begun January 18, with Rev. Robert Whitaker as the speaker. The annual pre-Lenten visitation will be carried on by a number of volunteer helpers. Rev. Torrance Phelps is the pastor.

CLOVERDALE. After 36 years of service as clerk, Mr. C L. Sedgley offered his resignation at the annual business meeting of the church. It was accepted with regret. Mr. Sedgley's service is more than matched by that of Mr. C. B. Shaw, who has served as treasurer 50 years and was re-elected. Rev. Harold S. Davidson is pastor.

REDWOOD CITY. The annual meeting afforded a satisfactory review of the past year, and also indicated a fine spirit for 1942, which will culminate in the 80th birthday of the church in November. The church operated within its budget in spite of considerable expenditures covering improvements to plant and equipment. The deaconesses are inaugurating a new service, keeping in touch with all of the church's boys in camps, fields, forts, or otherwise engaged in Government service. A pleasing feature of the annual meeting was an enthusiastic vote of confidence, esteem, and appreciation for Rev. Charles E. Ward and family.

STOCKTON. "All activities of the Church prospering," was the word handed down from the annual meeting. Only a small balance remains unpaid on the extensive building improvements recently made. The Adult Class has secured the leadership of the Dean of Women of the College of the Pacific. With the general subject, "The way of brotherhood as we practice it in our community," the women's World Service Circle held a fine meeting with four speakers telling about work with the Filipinos, the Japanese, the Chinese, and the Mexicans in and about Stockton. Rev. Noel J. Breed is the pastor.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. Enthusiastic reports come from the three-day visit of Dr. Harry T. Stock, who held meetings with the teachers and with the young people's groups. The annual meeting revealed healthy conditions in all departments, with fair balances on hand in the various treasuries. In his annual report, Rev. John G. Dickey, the pastor, stated that he drives about 8500 miles each year. Both Angels Camp and Murphys voted to adopt benevolence goals suggested by the Conference Board committee.

SANTA CRUZ. Ernest Otto, faithful attendant at almost every gathering of Congregationalists, has been elected for the forty-ninth consecutive year as clerk of this church. At the annual meeting a total of 53 new members for the year was reported, with losses totaling 19. The average attendance of the church for the year was 261. The pastor, Rev. H. S. Mahood, had made 2850 official calls and more than 1600 additional to shut-ins. He conducted 82 funerals and 39 weddings.

ALTURAS. Four fine new teachers have been recruited for the church school and the pupils are co-operating with interest in the duplex offering system. The second Sunday of each month has been set aside for "Open House" for high school young people at the home of the pastor, Rev. Theodore Schulz. Mrs. Schulz acted as seal sale chairman for the Modoc County Tuberculosis Association.

FAIRFAX. The Every Member Canvass, under the direction of Field Secretary E. T. Sherman, gives promise of a substantial increase in pledges over 1941. The pastor, Rev. William W. Meyer, continues his visits to San Quentin prison, speaking to and holding personal interviews with the men.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Edited by Miss Helen M. Perkins

The next regular meeting of the Federation will be held on the third Thursday of February (Feb. 19) at First Congregational Church, Oakland.

ANNUAL MEETING ECHOES

The Annual Meeting of the Federation was held, as previously announced, on January 15 and 16. The Alameda church, which has so often generously offered its church home and its welcome for our Federation gatherings, again was hostess, and a most gracious one. Everything that could contribute to our comfort was attended to, with so little evidence of the necessary machinery that we could not but think the reward for their frequent hospitality might be an increasing ease in its accomplishment. The skies, too, looked after us. On return to Oakland and Berkeley, we found there had been a hard rain during the time of meeting, but so far as we could see, none had fallen in Alameda around the church. There was an excellent attendance. Not so many were at the Thursday afternoon meeting, which was to be expected since no evening meeting followed, but there were more than this editor looked for.

The address of the afternoon was given by Dr. James Muilenburg, acting pastor of the Alameda church. His subject was "What Is God Doing?" but he almost immediately countered by the question, "What are we doing? What must we do if, in all this welter, we are to inherit eternal life?" Among the reasons that make present events so difficult to reconcile with our belief in God, Dr. Muilenburg emphasized the fact of God's vastly wider perspective. History, he said, in its larger view, can be seen as a movement of God toward a world community, and he comfortingly assured us that things that triumph in the end are sometimes the things that appeared so inconspicuous in the beginning, or during the battle, as to pass unobserved.

In the relayed reports of the various departmental secretaries, all showing the excellent work done during the year, the most exciting was that from the Thank-Offering Secretary, Mrs. H. S. Gauthier. In the January issue of "The Pacific" it was announced that although the new goal of $1,700 had not been reached at the time of going to press, there was every indication that it would be before the annual meeting. But when Mrs. Gauthier made her report, that hoped-for amount had jumped to the unexpected total of $1,930.42!

In the reports of Association Presidents, we missed Mrs. L. M. Drury of Central, detained because of illness in her family, and Mrs. J. O. Ferris of Santa Clara, who is ill herself. Their reports were read by others. We were almost afraid that another was on the sick list, when our President, Mrs. R. A Fuller, called on Mrs. John Olmsted to give the report for Redwood Empire. But when that lady came forward, she proved to be Miss Frederica Coggeshall, who had "changed her name but not her nature" since we last met.

As our new President, Mrs. Scott Haymond of Berkeley, took the gavel, we felt a strong sense of assurance for the year ahead under her guidance. As for Mrs. Fuller, who has led us so ably for three years, I should like to quote from a letter of an Association President: "I wish to express my appreciation of the time and effort Mrs. Fuller has put forth to contact all Associations. It means much to the outlying Associations to meet and know our State President. Mrs. Fuller's untiring effort to weld us all together into one large and vitally worth-while group will bear fruit."

The trial constitution under which we have been working this past year had been revised under the capable hands of Mrs. Robert D'Erlach and her committee, and was presented Friday morning for adoption. In general, alterations were slight, but in the matter of meetings some definite changes were made, to which readers of The Pacific are asked to pay particular attention. There will be seven public meetings a year, in place of six. Two of these, the Annual and the Spring meetings, come in January and April respectively, as before. The remaining five will be held the third Thursday of February, March, May, August and November. This does away with the confusing changes of date in the trial constitution. No meetings are held in June and July. September is to be used for Association meetings and in October we join the Conference Annual meeting. One meeting of the Executive Board will be held the third Wednesday of February. The others will precede the general meetings, as usual. With these and some other slight changes, the constitution was adopted.

A symposium on the value of the Federation to the Conference, the Associations, and the individual woman, led by Mrs. Augustine Jones, was admirably presented by Mrs. E. V. Krick, Mrs. Mott Pridgen, and Mrs. E. V. Zumwalt. The election of officers followed, after which came their installation and the charge by Mrs. A. V. Dunn, chairman of the nominating committee—a charge which many wished might be put into permanent form.

The report of Mrs. L. E. DeVoss brought word of her moving to Hollywood. We are very sorry to lose her, and she sent expressions of her regret in leaving and her enjoyment of the year's work with us.

Following a delicious luncheon, which deserved to be called a dinner, the final session brought us an interesting address by Mrs. Harry Leonard, State Chairman of Bible Literature of the California Federation of Women's Clubs. The meeting was closed by a solemn and beautiful consecration service led by our Superintendent, Rev. Harley H. Gill, which should have sent us out better women than we entered.

Only one shadow lay upon a delightful meeting: we received the news of the death of the Rev. George Atkinson, husband of our Mrs. Atkinson; and of the illness, which has since resulted in death, of Mrs. Tom Watt and of Mr. William Finley, son of our Mrs. Harley Gill. Our deepest sympathy goes to all those saddened by these deaths

THANK OFFERING

When Congregational women of Northern California set out to do a thing, they succeed. When the "Plus Gift" plan was announced at the Evanston meeting a year ago our women said, "Why, that is exactly what we have been doing through the Thank Offering. It is up to us to keep our Thank Offering plan, but to increase it." An additional project was adopted and a much higher goal was set. Heretofore the Thank Offering has brought in something over $1,400, but a goal of $1,750 was adopted and publicity regarding our projects was pushed. When the totals on the 12th of January were made up it was found that the Thank Offering had reached the unprecedented figure of $1,930.42, nearly $200 beyond the advanced goal. This made it possible to take care of all of the projects and to add something extra to the funds of the Conference and the Boards. The distribution made was as follows:

American Board:		
Medical work in North China	$400.00	
Extra Gift	68.29	$ 468.29
Board of Home Missions:		
Nurse at Grant's Hospital	250.00	
Extra Gift	74.49	324.49
Conference:		
Trinity County	720.00	
Children's Project, San Francisco	250.00	
Extra Gift	167.64	$1,137.64

In accordance with the policy previously followed with the Thank Offering, and also obtaining with the "plus gift" plan, these Thank Offering gifts are credited to the state but not on the apportionment of the individual churches. The entire sum of $1,930.42 is therefore included with the item of "individual and miscellaneous gifts" at the bottom of the church by church report of benevolences, but The Pacific is delighted to give the following report of the Thank Offering gifts for 1941 in comparison with 1940.

Church	1941	1940
Alameda	$ 55.00	$ 56.73
Angels Camp	9.15	6.75
Antioch	28.35	24.17
Auburn	1.91	8.05
Benicia	28.74	11.70
Berkeley, First	129.94	80.13
" North	37.50	42.00
Campbell	14.35	12.00
Cedarville	5.00	.....
Cloverdale	5.00	.....
Cotati	18.31	10.00
Eureka	45.00	60.79
Ferndale	17.55	11.35
Fresno, First	70.75	48.90
Hayward	30.00	25.00
Lodi, First	45.87	51.10
Loomis	5.00	.....
Martinez	27.28	25.00
Murphy	5.00	5.00
Oakland, Bethany Armenian	10.00	.....
" First	251.11	146.37
" Fruitvale	14.65	10.80
" Pilgrim	11.50	4.95
" Plymouth	62.09	53.24
Oroville	15.00	.....
Pacific Grove	35.00	26.76
Palo Alto	105.35	74.46
Paradise	31.87	.....
Penngrove	13.50	10.50
Petaluma	50.00	42.00
Pittsburg	21.23	20.03
Porterville	13.80	20.29
Redwood City	35.00	26.81
Rio Vista	21.36	.....
Ripon	34.54	20.33
Sacramento	34.71	31.40
Salida	6.00	.....
San Carlos	8.50	8.00
San Francisco—		
Bethany Mission Park	34.50	7.57
Calvary Armenian	4.50	3.70
First	117.16	122.20
Ocean View	.....	2.70
Richmond	3.25	.....
San Jose	65.00	60.00
San Leandro	37.57	13.92
San Mateo	90.21	61.50
Santa Cruz	51.21	56.67
Santa Rosa	5.00	.....
Saratoga	34.61	37.00
Sebastopol	11.50	6.25
Sonoma	12.00	10.00
Stockton	35.00	27.60
Sunnyvale	8.00	8.00
Tulare	29.00	14.69
Weaverville	17.00	.....
Woodside	20.00	10.00
Totals	$ 1,930.42	$ 1,416.41

NOTICE TO PASTORS! At the laymen's luncheon at the State Conference in Stockton, the laymen voted unanimously their request to pastors to preach on the history and genius of Congregationalism at least once a year, and suggested that Forefathers' Day would be an appropriate time.

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